(iii) The facility to receive the incoming calls is also withdrawn in case of non-payment of dues.

(iv) Registered notices are sent to consumers who fail to pay the dues in time.

(v) Departmental employees of the recovery cell of MTNL are sent to recover the dues.

(vi) Legal action in taken against the defaulting consumers when all the steps mentioned above prove to be ineffective.

Statement

Outstanding dues of MTNL, Delhi as on 31-3-2002 in respect of billing upto 31-12-2001

(Rs. in thousand)

Sl. No.	Category of Subscribers	No. of cases	Outstanding amount
1.	State Government	7661	10994
2.	Central Government	70300	112827
3.	Defence Ministry	11603	30147
4.	Embassies	23249	59523
5.	Statutory	18853	21337
6.	Private Parties	4695214	4925636
	TOTAL	4826880	5160464

State of Tata in VSNL

174. SHRI C.O. POULOSE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the state (per cent) of Tata Group of Companies in VSNL;

(b) whether a company below 26 per cent of share holding in VSNL has got the stake in decision making in VSNL; and

(c) if not, how can Tata Group of Companies be in the Board of Directors and make VSNL's decision to invest Rs. 1200 crore in Tata Group of Companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) As on 30-6-2002 Tata Group of Companies have 44.99% stake in VSNL.

(b) As per Shareholders Agreement, the strategic partner having 25% share holding could appoint four full-time directors and two independent part-time directors and may take the decision in certain cases.

(c) Does not arise in view (b) above.

Hike in FDI CAP

175. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering hike in Foreign Direct Investment cap applicable to the telecom sector to 74 per cent from the existing 49 per cent.

(b) if so, whether after discussion with the various Ministries, any final decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) to (c) As per the present Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy of the Government, FDI ceiling in the various sub-sectors of telecom varies from 49% to 100%. There is no FDI cap in the case of telecom equipment manufacturing, telecom services like Internet (without gateways), Infrastructure Providers (IP-I), E-mail, Voice mail and IT enabled services. FDI cap of 74% is applicable in the case of Internet (with gateways), Infrastructure Providers (IP-II) providing end-to-end bandwidth and radio